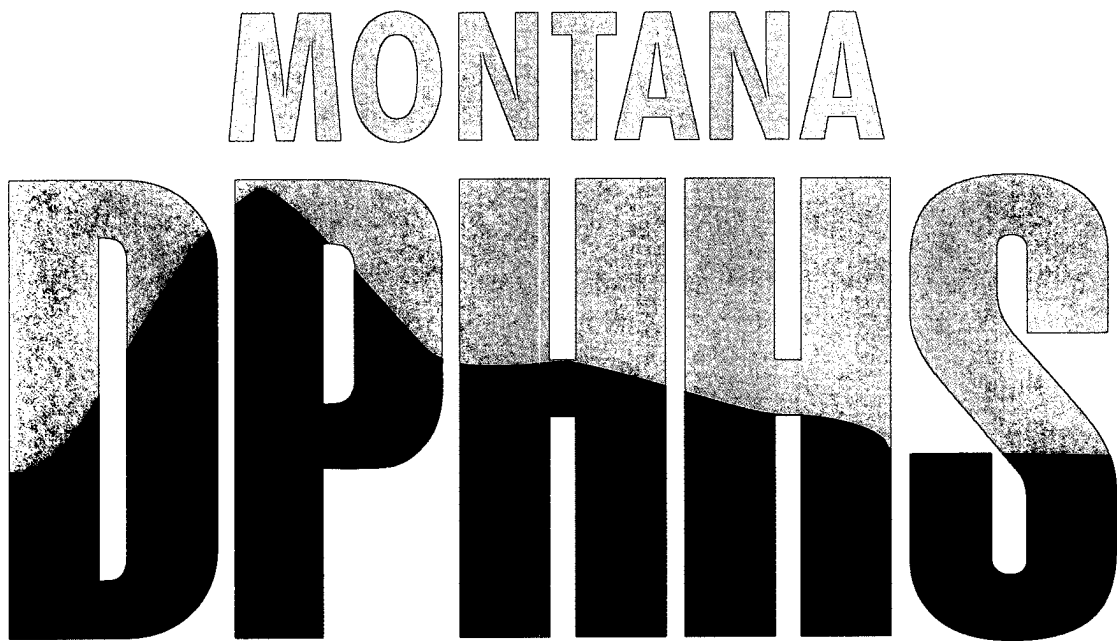


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PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
BIENNIAL REPORT ON HERITAGE  
PROPERTIES, 2012 - 2014**

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## **A. List of the heritage properties managed by the agency**

Heritage sites administered by the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services include three state-owned heritage properties that fall under our stewardship. Two sites have been listed on the National Register of Historic Places and one site is eligible.

### **MT State Hospital – Receiving Hospital (Post WWII) 24DL0783**

The MT State Hospital Receiving Hospital (Post WWII) is located at Warm Springs, MT and is 63,033 square feet. In October 1954, the Montana Board of Examiners approved plans for a new receiving hospital and treatment building, prior to the passage of a bond, which required approval by Montana voters. Once that was approved, bids were received in 1956 and construction began in 1957. The dedication for the facility was held in August 1959. Forty years later the hospital was slated to be renovated, but the project was called off in December 2009 by the governor as a cost-savings measure. The halting of the renovation would save \$4,500,000. The building now stands vacant and has been allowed to deteriorate. <sup>1</sup>



View of the Montana State Hospital -- Receiving Hospital (Post WWII)  
<http://www.montanahistoricalsociety.bmp>

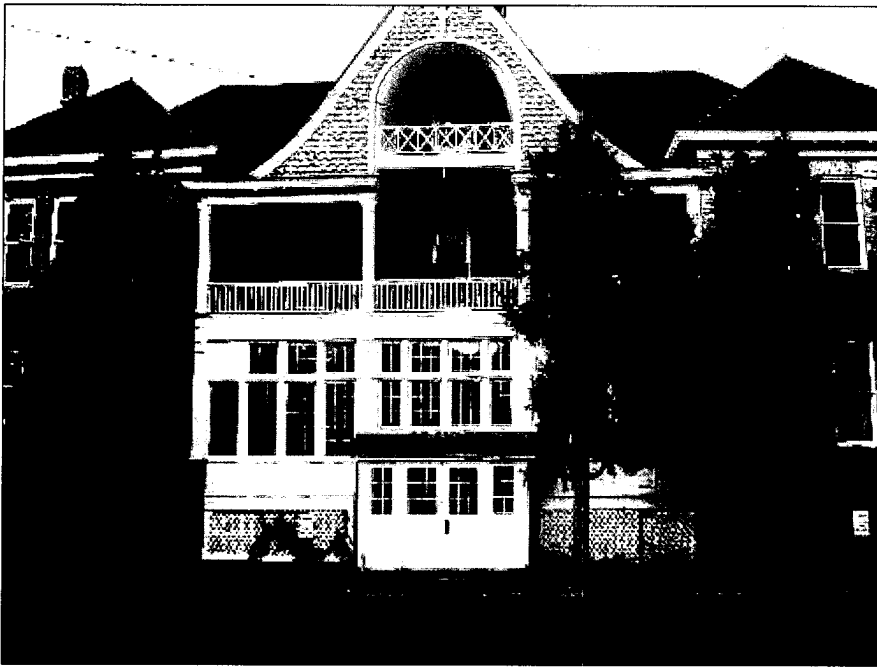


Montana State Hospital, modern facilities  
Wikimedia Commons, October 17, 2012, Montanabw; Warm\_Springs\_State\_Hospital\_02.jpg

### **Montana State Soldiers' (Veterans') Home 24FH0356 Historic District.**

This facility was erected in 1895 for the service of soldiers and occupies 147 acres just south of Columbia Falls. Of the 2,500 Civil War veterans who lived in Montana in the 1890s, 25 of them resided on county poor farms. The politically powerful veteran's organization, the Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.), insisted that these men deserved better. In 1895 the state legislature responded to G.A.R. demands, authorizing establishment of a soldier's home on forty acres of donated, tillable land located at least a mile from any saloon or liquor store. Originally, the home was intended to be relatively self-sufficient, with all able-bodied residents participating in planting, harvesting, and storing crops. Eight communities vied for the institution, but Columbia Falls offered the most attractive package. Local citizens donated \$3,100 and the Northern Improvement Co., a subsidiary of the Great Northern Railway, donated 147 acres and free installation of a boiler, pump, engine, and tanks. In 1896, the state laid the cornerstone for Old Main, designed by Montana architect C. S. Haire and built by Montana builder and politician Fred Whiteside. In 1900, Haire also designed a small hospital, which became the Commandant's House when a larger hospital (since demolished) was built in 1908. Constructed in 1919, the Service Building provided a chapel for religious services and living quarters for the home's employees. The cemetery, established in 1897, and the landscaped grounds also contribute to the Montana State Soldier's Home Historic District. Today newer buildings dot the landscape, but the home's mission remains unchanged: to honor the service of Montana's veterans by serving them in turn in their time of need.<sup>2</sup>

The Montana Soldiers' Home Historic District has been on the Register of Historic Places since April, 1994 (94000385 NRIS) and is located in Columbia Falls, Montana.



Montana State Soldiers' Home Main Hall  
<http://www.dphhs.mt.gov/sltc/services/vethome/PhotosVets/CF08OldMain.jpg>



Montana State Soldiers' Home Service/Chapel Building  
<http://www.dphhs.mt.gov/sltc/services/vethome/PhotosVets/CF08ServiceBldg.jpg>

## Montana Deaf and Dumb Asylum (Main Hall) 24JF0496

The Montana Deaf and Dumb Asylum (Main Hall) has been on the Register of Historic Places since May, 1985 (85000994 NRIS) and is located in Boulder, Montana. The placard reads:

Montana pledged its commitment to children with disabilities in 1887 when Territorial Governor Preston Leslie requested funds for a Montana Deaf and Dumb Asylum. Its title, although shocking by today's standards, reflects accepted nineteenth-century terminology and attitudes. Upon statehood in 1889, Congress granted Montana 50,000 acres of land to raise funds for the school. The 1893 legislature provided operating expenses and chose Boulder as the site. Students attended classes in a private home while the school built this first campus building, begun in 1896 and completed in 1898. Despite its formidable name, the school offered innovative college-preparatory instruction and training for deaf and blind youth. In 1903, the state legislature changed the name to the Montana School for the Deaf and Dumb, thereby acknowledging that it was not an "asylum," but rather a public school for children with special needs. By 1915, additional buildings increased the campus capacity to 200 students, who ranged from ages 5 to 20. By this time its mission had expanded to include educating developmentally disabled youth. Until the 1930s, this building served numerous purposes as the center of activities, housing for students and staff, and dining rooms. Blind students learned various manual industries and deaf students learned lip-reading in addition to the usual public school curriculum. The school also offered an extensive music program. State architect John C. Paulsen designed the building of local brick and granite, appropriately trimmed in Montana copper. The blending of Italianate and Renaissance revival styles, and its long institutional service, mark this Boulder landmark as a state milestone.<sup>3</sup>



The Montana Deaf & Dumb Asylum (Main Hall) Wikimedia Commons; September 28, 2013, Rob Stutz

## ***B. The status and condition of each heritage property***

The Montana State Hospital Receiving Hospital (Post WWII) is considered Endangered and in poor condition. In 2008, there was an appropriation of \$4,500,000 to renovate the Receiving Hospital. Consultants told us the project was attainable, but the project would likely result in many years of ongoing costs as the building has numerous challenges including broken sewer lines, a failing heating system, structural flaws and other issues. It was estimated that the project would exceed the appropriation by approximately \$2,500,000 and was agreed that a significant investment in the Receiving Hospital was not in the best interest of the tax payer at the time because we did not have funding to complete the project. It was decided to abandon all plans for restoration. It is currently used for storage.

The Montana State Soldier's (Veterans) Home HD is satisfactory and in good condition. The Service/Chapel building and Superintendent's Residence are satisfactory as they have received regular routine maintenance and the Old Main status is watch due to no maintenance being performed.

The Montana Deaf & Dumb Asylum (Main Hall) is satisfactory and in fair condition. It is vacant and quite run down.

## **C. Stewardship efforts and costs**

The Montana State Hospital Receiving Hospital (Post WWII) has had no efforts undertaken to improve the status and condition/historic integrity in the past 2 years. It was considered too costly to pursue.

The Montana State Soldiers (Veterans) Home has had regular routine maintenance efforts to improve the status and condition/historic integrity of the property. In the past 4 years there has been a kitchen remodel for \$4,500, maintenance of a handrail and door for \$600, new gutters for \$1,000, repair of the front and back porch and foundation for \$10,000, painting of the- interior and exterior for \$7,000, and some electrical upgrades, plaster and paint that totaled \$5,000. Total costs of stewardship efforts for this property are around \$28,100.

The Montana Deaf & Dumb Asylum (Main Hall) has had no efforts undertaken to improve the status and condition/historic integrity in the past 2 years.

## **D. Prioritized list of maintenance needs for the properties**

The Montana State Hospital Receiving Hospital (Post WWII) needs over \$7,000,000 of maintenance to renovate. This will not be done unless money is available.

The Montana State Soldiers (Veterans) Home HD needs continued routine maintenance to keep the property in safe working order. This will continue to be done as needed.

The Montana Deaf & Dumb Asylum (Main Hall) has no current needs for maintenance.

## **E. Record of compliance with subsections MCA 22-3-424 (1) and (2)**

The Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services has not adopted administrative rules to implement the Montana State Antiquities Act (22-3-424), however it does act in compliance with rules adopted under 22-3-423.

It is not currently known how many undocumented or unevaluated historical sites the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services own. When they are discovered, documented, and evaluated, they will be dealt with under the Montana Antiquities Act guidelines.

The Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services biggest challenge in identifying, evaluating, and protecting state-owned heritage properties is balancing the needs to meet the Agency's mission and to preserve heritage properties when possible and finding the funding to do so.

One of Montana State Hospital's oldest buildings on campus, the Administration Building built in 1919, has had a historic property record for the building prepared by Lesley Gilmore and Stewart D. Reich. It was submitted to State A&E and SHPO on November 1, 2013 and received its Smithsonian number: 24DL0792. SHPO is waiting for consultation on its eligibility from either DOA/A&E or DPHHS. See photo below.

A&E and DPHHS have contracted for the recording of all the historic buildings and structures at Warm Springs to facilitate consultation on future projects.





## Summary Table

Property #	Property Name	Status	Condition	Total Cost of Stewardship Efforts	Priority for Preservation Needs
24DL0784	MT State Hospital-Receiving Hospital (Post WWII)	Satisfactory	Fair	\$ -	5
24FH0356	Montana State Soldiers (Veterans) Home HD	Endangered	Poor	\$ 28, 100.00	1
24JF0496	Montana Deaf & Dumb Asylum (Main Hall)	Satisfactory	Fair	\$ -	5

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**MONTANA STATE-OWNED HERITAGE PROPERTY REPORTING FORM  
(2013)**

**Property Number** (e.g. 24YL0001): 24DL0783 (Smithsonian Trinomial)

**Property Name:** MT State Hospital-Receiving Hospital (Post WWII)

**Property Town/Vicinity of:** Deer Lodge County--Warm Springs

**Property Date** (Year of Origin/Construction or "Precontact): 1959

**State Agency** (Choose One): DPHHS

**Reporting Year:** 2014 (e.g. 2014; 2016; 2018, etc)

**Property Type** (Choose One): Historic

**Property Count (#):** \_\_\_ District 1.00 Building(s) \_\_\_ Structure(s) \_\_\_ Site(s) \_\_\_ Object(s)

**Historic Significance and Property Description:**

**Comment:**

The Receiving Hospital at Montana State Hospital at Warm Springs, which is 63,033 square feet in size, is a one-story building with an irregular footprint and both flat and shallow-sloped shed roofs. The building is reinforced concrete with brick veneer on concrete block walls. It has a concrete slab foundation and a built-up roof. The architect was Johannes Van Teylingen of Great Falls.

**Historic Integrity:** (Choose One): Unknown

**Comment (Explain):**

**Use:**

**Historic Use:** MONTANA STATE HOSPITAL provides inpatient psychiatric treatment for adults with serious mental illness.

**Current Use:** storage

**Comment:** (issues, if any, regarding use/functionality)

**Status** (Choose one): Endangered

**Comment:**

This was not one of the original buildings on campus. It has been replaced by a similar building in 2000 for hospital use.

**Condition** (Choose One): Poor

**Comment:**

This building has not had heat in it since the spring of 2010 due to gas leaks in the boilers. The outside is deteriorating, as is the roof and the interior. It has structural damage, broken sewer lines, and other significant maintenance issues.

**Stewardship Effort and Cost**\_(Enter all that apply in past 2 years; do not duplicate costs)

If activity, but no calculated/estimated cost available, enter "+". If no activity, enter "0" or leave blank.

\$\_\_\_ Heritage Property Administration/Operations (property-specific)

\$\_\_\_ Heritage Restoration/Rehabilitation/Repair project activity (SOI standards)

\$\_\_\_ Heritage Preservation/Protection project activity

\$\_\_\_ Heritage Research/Documentation project activity

\$\_\_\_ Heritage Interpretation/Education/Awareness project activity

\$\_\_\_ Heritage Promotion/Tourism/Marketing project activity

\$\_\_\_ Heritage Preservation/Conservation Plan Development

\$\_\_\_ Regular/routine maintenance

\$\_\_\_ Monitoring (documented/reported upon)

\$\_\_\_ Cost to redesign project to avoid adverse effect to property's heritage values

\$\_\_\_ Other heritage stewardship effort/activity (Explain)

Comment:

In 2008, there was an appropriation of \$4.5 million to renovate the Receiving Hospital. Consultants told us the project was attainable, but the project would likely result in many years of ongoing costs as the building has numerous challenges including broken sewer lines, a failing heating system, structural flaw and other issues. It was estimated that the project would exceed the appropriation by approximately \$2.5 million.

**Prioritized Maintenance & Stewardship Needs**

Rank property for agency priority addressing need among all agency's heritage properties:

Highest (1 = top 20%) to Lowest (5 = bottom 20%) = 5 (1-5)

Comment: List prioritized property-specific preservation maintenance & stewardship needs -

**Other Comment/Continued:**

April 23, 2008 in a meeting attended by Budget Director David Ewer, Director of DPHHS Joan Miles, Director of Correction Mike Ferriter and others present agreed that a significant investment in the Receiving Hospital was not in the best interest of the tax payer at this time when we did not have funding to complete the project. It was decided to abandon all plans for restoration.

DPHHS/Addictive & Mental Disorders Division will approach the Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on Long-Range Planning for permission to demolish the building.

**Reported by (Name):** Tracey Thun, MSH Chief Fiscal Officer

**Date (MM/DD/YYYY):** 02/04/2014

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**MONTANA STATE-OWNED HERITAGE PROPERTY REPORTING FORM  
(2013)**

**Property Number** (e.g. 24YL0001): 24FH0356 (Smithsonian Trinomial)

**Property Name:** Montana State Soldiers (Veterans) Home HD

**Property Town/Vicinity of:** Flathead County--Columbia Falls

**Property Date** (Year of Origin/Construction or "Precontact): 1896

**State Agency** (Choose One): DPHHS

**Reporting Year:** 2014 (e.g. 2014; 2016; 2018, etc)

**Property Type** (Choose One): Historic

**Property Count (#):** 1.00 District 2.00 Building(s) 1.00 Structure(s) \_\_\_ Site(s) \_\_\_ Object(s)

**Historic Significance and Property Description:**

Comment:

In 1896, the state laid the cornerstone for Old Main, designed by Montana architect C. S. Haire and built by Montana builder and politician Fred Whiteside. Haire also designed a small hospital, which became the Superintendent's Residence when a larger hospital (since demolished) was built in 1908. Constructed in 1919, the Service Building provided a chapel for religious services.

**Historic Integrity:** (Choose One): Unknown

Comment (Explain):

Building is in the National Register of Historic Places, Item No. 94000385 NRIS. It was added to the Register on April 21, 1994.

**Use:**

**Historic Use:** The initial purpose of the home was to serve veterans of the Civil and Indian Wars.

**Current Use:** The home is a 105-bed skilled nursing facility that includes a 15-bed Special Care Unit for those with dementia and Alzheimer's disease.

Comment: (issues, if any, regarding use/functionality)

Admission to MVH nursing program is for honorably discharged veterans who have served in the armed forces of the United States and who qualify for skilled/intermediate nursing care or domiciliary self-care living. Spouses of veterans will be admitted on a space-available basis.

**Status** (Choose one): Satisfactory

Comment:

Buildings: Chapel/Service building and Superintendent's Residence are satisfactory.  
Structure: Old Main's status is watch.

**Condition** (Choose One): Good

Comment:

Chapel/Service building and Superintendent's Residence are good by definition.  
Old Main is fair.

**Stewardship Effort and Cost**\_(Enter all that apply in past 2 years; do not duplicate costs)

If activity, but no calculated/estimated cost available, enter "+". If no activity, enter "0" or leave blank.

\$\_\_\_ Heritage Property Administration/Operations (property-specific)

\$\_\_\_ Heritage Restoration/Rehabilitation/Repair project activity (SOI standards)

\$\_\_\_ Heritage Preservation/Protection project activity

\$\_\_\_ Heritage Research/Documentation project activity

\$\_\_\_ Heritage Interpretation/Education/Awareness project activity

\$\_\_\_ Heritage Promotion/Tourism/Marketing project activity

\$\_\_\_ Heritage Preservation/Conservation Plan Development

\$1 Regular/routine maintenance

\$\_\_\_ Monitoring (documented/reported upon)

\$\_\_\_ Cost to redesign project to avoid adverse effect to property's heritage values

\$\_\_\_ Other heritage stewardship effort/activity (Explain)

Comment:

Chapel/Service building and Superintendent's Residence have received regular/routine maintenance.  
Old Main none.

**Prioritized Maintenance & Stewardship Needs**

Rank property for agency priority addressing need among all agency's heritage properties:

Highest (1 = top 20%) to Lowest (5 = bottom 20%) = 1 (1-5)

Comment: List prioritized property-specific preservation maintenance & stewardship needs -

1) General maintenance in Chapel/Service building and Superintendent's Residence due to continued current use of the buildings.

2) Old Main is not maintained and has no practical use at this time, only requires maintenance as needed to prevent further deterioration of the structure.

**Other Comment/Continued:**

Chapel/Service Building and Superintendent's Residence are currently in use.

Old Main is not used and would require extensive renovation in order for any type of use.

Reported by (Name): Joren Underdahl

Date (MM/DD/YYYY): 12/20/2013

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**MONTANA STATE-OWNED HERITAGE PROPERTY REPORTING FORM  
(2013)**

**Property Number** (e.g. 24YL0001): 24JF0496 (Smithsonian Trinomial)

**Property Name:** Montana Developmental Center Administrative Building #100/ Montana Deaf and Dumb Asylum (Main Hall)

**Property Town/Vicinity of:** Jefferson County--Boulder, MT

**Property Date** (Year of Origin/Construction or "Precontact): Began in 1896 and completed in 1898

**State Agency** (Choose One): DPHHS

**Reporting Year:** 2014 (e.g. 2014; 2016; 2018, etc)

**Property Type** (Choose One): Historic

**Property Count** (#): \_\_\_ District 1.00 Building(s) \_\_\_ Structure(s) \_\_\_ Site(s) \_\_\_ Object(s)

**Historic Significance and Property Description:**

Comment:

The building began in 1896 and was completed in 1898 as the Montana Deaf & Dumb Asylum. It was designed by Montana's first State Architect, John C. Paulsen. He designed the building of local brick and granite, and trimmed in Montana copper. The blending of Italianate and Renaissance revival styles and its long institutional service, mark this Boulder landmark as a state milestone.

**Historic Integrity:** (Choose One): Good

Comment (Explain):

Building is in the National Register of Historic Places, Item No. 85000994 NRIS. It was added to the Register on May 10, 1985.

**Use:**

**Historic Use:** Deaf and Dumb School

**Current Use:** Building is not currently used. It has been vacant for many years.

Comment: (issues, if any, regarding use/functionality)

**Status** (Choose one): Satisfactory

Comment:

Vacant/Empty

**Condition** (Choose One): Fair

Comment:

Quite run down

**Stewardship Effort and Cost** (Enter all that apply in past 2 years; do not duplicate costs)

If activity, but no calculated/estimated cost available, enter "+". If no activity, enter "0" or leave blank.

- \$\_\_\_ Heritage Property Administration/Operations (property-specific)
- \$\_\_\_ Heritage Restoration/Rehabilitation/Repair project activity (SOI standards)
- \$\_\_\_ Heritage Preservation/Protection project activity
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- \$\_\_\_ Heritage Preservation/Conservation Plan Development
- \$\_\_\_ Regular/routine maintenance
- \$\_\_\_ Monitoring (documented/reported upon)
- \$\_\_\_ Cost to redesign project to avoid adverse effect to property's heritage values
- \$\_\_\_ Other heritage stewardship effort/activity (Explain)

Comment:

None in past two years.

**Prioritized Maintenance & Stewardship Needs**

Rank property for agency priority addressing need among all agency's heritage properties:

Highest (1 = top 20%) to Lowest (5 = bottom 20%) = 5 (1-5)

Comment: List prioritized property-specific preservation maintenance & stewardship needs -

**Other Comment/Continued:**

**Reported by (Name):** Bruce Giulio Sr.

**Date (MM/DD/YYYY):** 12/30/2013

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